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APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE



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**S. 1357, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS BILL
 for FISCAL YEAR 2004**

Summary:

The bill provides \$9.196 billion, 14.5-percent decrease from FY03. The bill is consistent with the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Resolution and the President’s budget request. The bill is within its discretionary 302(b) allocation and therefore has no 302(f) points of order against it.

| MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS BILL | | | | |
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| | 2003 SPENDING | PRES REQ | 302B ALLOC | S.1357 |
| BA | \$10.751 billion | \$9.235 billion | \$9.196 billion | \$9.196 billion |
| OUTLAYS | \$10.059 billion | \$10.270 billion | \$10.297 billion | \$10.273 billion |

Analysis:

The bill provides \$1.55 billion less than last year’s enacted level, a 14.5-percent decrease. The bill provides about the same levels of budget authority and outlays as in the President’s budget request and the House-passed bill.

Noteworthy:

The bill does not include \$1 billion from the President’s request for construction of U.S. bases overseas. The Committee report notes that the Defense Department has not submitted to Congress a master plan for overseas basing that was due April 1, 2002.

Section 128 of S. 1357 would create a commission to review U.S. military bases overseas. The eight-member commission would submit a report to the President and Congress by August 30, 2004.

The Budget Committee Chairman has requested that CBO perform an analysis of U.S. bases overseas. The report is due to the Budget Committee later this year.